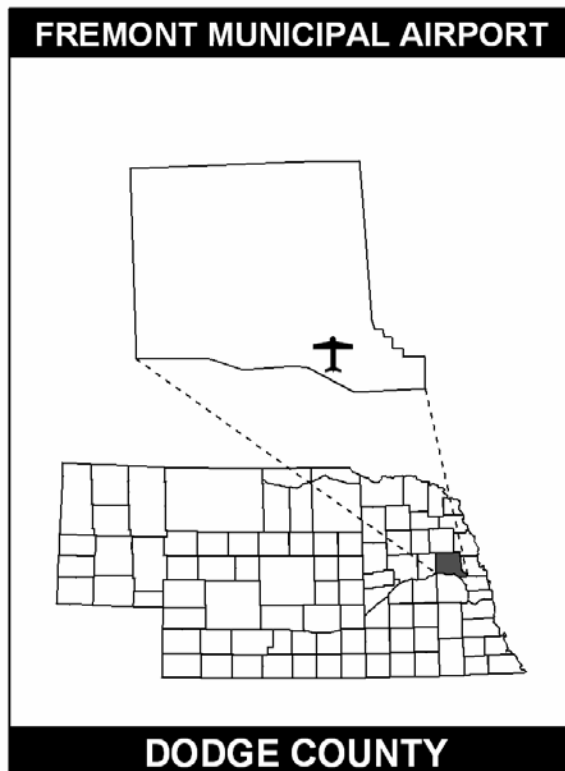


Airport Location

Fremont Municipal Airport is located two miles northwest of Fremont, Nebraska, in Dodge County. Fremont has a population of 24,591. The 639-acre airport opened in 1942. The primary runway, Runway 13/31, is an asphalt-concrete runway measuring 5,500 feet in length and 100 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Hormel Foods Corporation, Fremont Area Medical Center, Fremont Public Schools, Wal-Mart Store, Inc., Oriental Trading Company, Oilgear, TEK Industries, Midland Luther College, ENCORE/HRM Transportation, and The Furst Group. Local attractions include the Fremont Dinner Train and the Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad, as well as outdoor activities on the Platte River at Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area. Fremont is also the starting point of the Lewis and Clark Land Tour, a scenic drive stretching to Niobrara.

The airport, with 43 based aircraft, experiences approximately 20,150 annual operations annually.

**Economic Impact**

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output (spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant portion of an airport's first round economic benefits. Additional first round benefits are also linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

First Round Impact

In 2002, there were two aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported eight employees. These tenants' direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$3.6 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$209,700. Operational data indicated that approximately 3,380 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional seven full-time jobs for employees earning over \$115,200 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$182,300.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors also create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 first round, secondary, and total impacts for output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors to Fremont Municipal Airport was approximately \$5.56 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 21 jobs, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$470,000 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Fremont Municipal Airport offers several services to the community. The airport welcomes many recreational aircraft in addition to corporate aircraft. Several area companies have aircraft at the field, including Dugan Funeral Service, Independent Technology, R&M Consulting, Taylor & Martin, and Victory Marine. Other corporate users of the airport include Hormel, Wal-Mart, Valmont, ADM, and Hy-bee. The airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) offers full-service aircraft support, including maintenance for piston and turboprop aircraft. Des Moines Flying Service sells a range of aircraft at the airport.

The airport assists local police and fire and rescue authorities by providing a base for State Patrol activities, including search and rescue, prisoner exchange, and emergency management survey flights. The airport is also the location of a number of community activities, such as the Experimental Aircraft Association's "Young Eagles" program, a Civil Air Patrol youth encampment for young pilots, and school tours. The local Civil Air Patrol also holds its training activities at the airport. The airport also sells airplane rides at the town's annual John C. Fremont days.

A survey of over 100 hospitals in Nebraska gathered data to obtain information relating to how often hospitals use airports in Nebraska to

bring specialists from out of the area, as well as how often airports are used for patient transfer. Survey data indicated Fremont Area Medical Center uses the airport occasionally for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance.

Summary

On an annual basis, Fremont Municipal Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

Fremont Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	8	4	12
GA Visitors	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	15	6	21
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$209,700	\$79,200	\$288,900
GA Visitors	<u>\$115,200</u>	<u>\$65,900</u>	<u>\$181,100</u>
Total	\$324,900	\$145,100	\$470,000
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$3,563,700	\$1,708,700	\$5,272,400
GA Visitors	<u>\$182,300</u>	<u>\$110,700</u>	<u>\$293,000</u>
Total	\$3,746,000	\$1,819,400	\$5,565,400

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year's time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produce the following impacts:

Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers